

As regular visitors to Union, Maine (a small town close to Rockland) we benefit enormously from the local coverage offered by, amongst others, Rockland's (~3 year old) LPFM station. These offerings, which are planned, implemented, and hosted by and for local people in the community are in stark contrast to the commercially oriented, advertising-laden, impersonal music and voice streams offered by the many commercial stations in the area. LPFM, with its ability to provide locally oriented news and coverage of important events is a critical part of the democratic process, and I urge you not to side with the commercial interests that would prefer local FM broadcasts to be suppressed.

I hope you will also be mindful of the FCC's charge in such matters. Airwaves are a public resource. Too many rights have already been sold to commercial interests, effectively stealing them from the public, their rightful owners. Please do not add the loss of LPFM licensing to a list of diverted resources that is already much too long.

Thankyou!